GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5888
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IMPORT OF SILK PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the silk yarn and other silk products being imported are largely affecting the domestic industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any requests/suggestions from the domestic traders and Central Silk Board to protect the silk industry in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with the reaction by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) to (d) Increasing imports of raw silk mainly from China at sharply falling prices since 2001-02 had an adverse impact on the domestic prices of cocoons and silk yarn, thus causing undue hardship to farmers and reelers. Reelers Associations filed a petition before the Directorate General of Antidumping and Allied Duties, alleging injury from and dumping of mulberry raw silk (not thrown) originating in or exported from China.

The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping conducted preliminary investigations and recommended the imposition of antidumping duty. Government of India vide Customs` Notification No.2/2003 dated 2nd January, 2003 imposed provisional antidumping duty equivalent to the difference between the amount of US $ 33.19 per kg and the landed value of imported mulberry raw silk (not thrown), 2A grade and below, originating in, or exported from, Peoples` Republic of China.